



Haines Borough
**BOROUGH ASSEMBLY
ACTION REQUEST**

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DATE: June 29, 2017

TO: Borough Assembly

FROM: Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

ACTION:

Motion: SHELDON moved to “recommend that the borough commit staff and resources to work collaboratively with the Alaska Dept. of Natural Resources/Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation to return a well maintained, permanent outhouse to the Mosquito Lake State Recreation site,” it was seconded and passed 5:2 with SMITH and FERRIN opposed.

RATIONALE:

Mosquito Lake State Recreation Site is a popular recreation destination for Borough residents and visitors for boating, camping, snowmachining, and fishing in both summer and winter. Due to lack of available funding for maintenance, the Alaska Dept. of Natural Resources/Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation (ADNR/DPOR) in the recent past removed the outhouse facility at the Mosquito Lake site. Improper disposal of human waste now creates a public health hazard and detracts from public enjoyment of the site. A properly maintained outhouse at Mosquito Lake would greatly improve year-round public recreation in the Haines Borough.

BOARD REQUEST:

The Borough Assembly should direct Borough staff to collaborate with ADNR/DPOR leadership on finding a way to fund installation of a sanitary outhouse at Mosquito Lake. The Borough assembly should fund a maintenance contract to keep the outhouse in good condition.

SUBMITTED BY

Rich Chapell, Chair
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee